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## House of Representatives

The House met at 8:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KIRK).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 15, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK STEVEN KIRK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:  
Lord God,

Your steadfast love stirs us to look beyond self-interest. Your Divine Providence has guided this Nation from the beginning and has always urged us to look beyond our frontiers. Your Spirit in gathering the 108th Congress today moves us to have great aspirations for this world and for our times.

Having tasted Your blessings of freedom ourselves, we long for all humanity to enjoy equal justice under law and so we pray this short but powerful ancient psalm:

“O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
Acclaim the Lord all you peoples.  
Strong is his love of us;  
Our God is faithful forever.”  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the Chair feels that the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

The practice of reserving seats prior to the joint meeting by placard will not be allowed. Members may reserve their seats by physical presence only following a security sweep of the Chamber.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, June 8, 2004, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

During the recess, beginning at about 9:21 a.m., the following proceedings were had:

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### JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY HAMID KARZAI, PRESIDENT OF THE TRANSITIONAL ISLAMIC STATE OF AFGHANISTAN

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Deputy Sergeant at Arms, Kerri Hanley, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort His Excellency Hamid Karzai, the President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan, into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY);

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT);

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE);

The gentleman from California (Mr. COX);

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS);

The gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRBACHER);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI);

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. HARMAN);

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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